

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) In an electronic communication system, a method for automated follow-up of a request comprising the steps of:

generating a request with a deadline at a sender location and recording that request at the sender location indicating deadline and automatically setting up a follow-up reminder at the sender location to determine if a request has been completed by the deadline;

sending that request with a deadline message to receivers;

receiving said request and deadline at the receivers;

determining at the receivers when the request is done; and sending a done notice to sender when request is completed and said done notice is recorded at the sender location.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said sender determines if a done request is completed before said deadline and generates a message to receivers if it has not been completed by the deadline date.

3. (original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said sender automatically sends a message to said receivers if a deadline date has not been met.

4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 3 wherein said sender also automatically sends a second deadline date with a second message if a deadline has not been met and sets a second follow –up reminder.

5. (new) The method of Claim 4 wherein said sender determines if a done request is completed before said second deadline and generates a message to receivers if it has not been completed by the second deadline date.